| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | — | 111.36 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 190.15 | 511.22 |
| 11. | Kamataka | 578.30 | 41.85 |
| 12. | Kerala | 209.50 | 179.90 |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 615.00 | 590.03 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 178.16 | 795.44 |
| 15. | Manipur | 232.42 | 331.86 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | — | 19.10 |
| 17. | Mizoram | 217.10 | — |
| 18. | Nagaland | 36.60 | — |
| 19. | Orissa | 245.06 | 15.58 |
| 20. | Pondicherry | 3.00 | — |
| 21. | Punjab | 132.25 | 323.45 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | — | 335.53 |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | 495.05 | 361.54 |
| 24. | Tripura | — | 63.00 |
| 25, | Uttar Pradesh | 221.62 | 119.14 |
| 26. | Uttaranchal | 17.35 | — |
| 27. | West Bengal | 102.35 | 363.54 |

(c) In the Tenth Plan Schemes, a number of inventive components have been included for approval like value added centres, integrated cold chain, bar coding, assistance for market surveys, irradiation facilities, etc. These innovative components of the schemes provide impetus for speedy growth of the processed food sector.

**Damage to agricultural crops by elephants**

*688. SHRISURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the damage to crops and human lives caused by elephants in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken to set up additional number of elephants projects to put ihein at one place and to save the crops in that State 7

THEMMSTEROFENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T R BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Damage by elephants to agricultural crops and human lives

in Orissa is primarily induced by degradation and fragmentation of elephant habitats and blockage of their normal movement routes on account of deforestation, encroachments, grazing, fire mining, irrigation projects and other human activities. Most of the human deaths are due to accidental encounters of people with elephants.

(c) There is only one Project Elephant in the country under which three Elephant Reserves, *viz.* Mayurbhanj, Mahanadi and Sambalpur, have been set up in Orissa. Government of India provides financial support to Orissa under Project Elephant for improvement of habitat and corridors of elephants, undertaking anti-depredation measures to protect crops, human life and property and payment of ex-gratia relief. During 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 108.39 lakh was released to the State Government under Project Elephant which included Rs. 39.5 lakh for the purpose of ex-gratia relief and Rs. 8 lakh for antidepredation works.

**New Rail Lines in Punjab**

*696.SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new rail lines in the State of Punjab during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRINITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The details of on-going new line projects falling partly/fully in Punjab are as under:—

| S.No. | Project | Km |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Abohar-Fazilka | 4272 |
| 2. | Chandigarh-Ludhiana | 95.0 |
| 3. | Nangal Dam-Talwara and taking over siding of Mukerian-Talwara | 112.9 |
| 4. | Tam Taran-Goindwal | 21.0 |

The final location surveys of the above projects have been completed and the works are in various stages of progress. Besides the above, the work of construction of new line between Beas-Dera Baba Jaimal Singh (5 km) is also an on going work and the wcrk would be taken up after the agreement is signed and